

CLAIMS

1.(Original) A semiconductor device structure, comprising:

at least first and second field effect transistors disposed on a substrate;

said first field effect transistor including a first spacer having a first width;

said second field effect transistor including a second spacer having a second width;

wherein said second spacer includes a first compressive stress material, and said structure further comprises a tensile stress material disposed on said at least first and second field effect transistors.

2. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first field effect transistor is an nFET and said second field effect transistor is a pFET.

3.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first width is less than said second width.

4.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said structure is an inverter.

5.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said structure includes a width transition region located approximately in a middle region between said transistors.

6.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first spacer includes an I-shaped part and said second spacer includes an L-shaped part.

7.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second spacer includes an L-shaped part and said first compressive stress material.

8.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first spacer includes said first compressive stress material.

9.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first width is a substantially uniform width in a range of about 10 nm to about 30 nm, and said second width has a maximum width in a range of about 50 nm to about 120 nm.

10. (Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first compressive stress material has a substantially uniform stress in a range of about $-3E9$ dynes/cm² to about $-3E11$ dynes/cm².

11.(Original) The structure claimed in claim 1, wherein said tensile stress material has a substantially uniform film thickness in a range of about 20 nm to about 100 nm and a substantially uniform stress in a range of approximately $4E9$ dynes/cm² to approximately $4E11$ dynes/cm².

12.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second spacer includes a second compressive stress material having a stress in a range of approximately $-2E9$ dynes/cm² to approximately $2E9$ dynes/cm².

13.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first compressive stress material is a dielectric.

14.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first compressive stress material is silicon nitride.

15.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said tensile stress material is SiN.

16.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first width is about 50 nm, and said second width has a maximum width of about 90 nm.

17.(Original) The structure as claimed in claim 1, wherein said tensile stress material is a layer having a substantially uniform thickness in a range of about 20 nm to about 100 nm.

18.(Withdrawn) A method for fabricating a semiconductor device structure, comprising:
providing a semiconductor substrate;

forming gate stacks on the substrate, extension spacers on the gate stacks,
extension implants adjacent to the extension spacers, and an isolation region between at least two
extension implants;

disposing a first compressive stress dielectric material onto the gate stacks,
extension spacers, and extension implants;

disposing a second dielectric material with a low stress onto the first compressive
stress dielectric material;

masking a first portion of the second dielectric material over one gate stack;

removing a second portion of the second dielectric material over another gate
stack;

etching the first portion to form intermediate low stress spacers proximate to the
one gate stack;

etching the first dielectric material to form narrow compressive spacers proximate
to the another gate stack and wide compressive spacers proximate to the one gate stack;

forming source and drain implants and silicides thereon;

disposing a tensile stress dielectric material over all the spacers.

19.(Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said step of disposing a first
compressive stress dielectric material includes PECVD depositing silicon nitride.

20.(Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said step of disposing a tensile
stress dielectric material includes CVD depositing a SiN layer.